

ICC DOCKET NO. 02-_____

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ERIC GOWIN

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO AMEND AGREEMENT
DATED MAY 20, 1961 WITH MITCHELL WATER DISTRICT**

Q. Please state your full name, business address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the record.

A. Eric Gowin. I am Director of Development for TriStar Business Communities. My business office is located at 13397 Lakefront Drive, Suite 200, Earth City, Missouri 63045-1514. My business telephone number is 314-291-9999, extension 1271; and my e-mail address is egowin@tristarbc.com.

Q. What is the interest of TriStar Business Communities in this proceeding?

A. TriStar Business Communities is developing the property known as Gateway Business Center, which will receive water service, through Mitchell Public Water District, from the water main to be installed pursuant to this proceeding. TriStar has two distribution facilities which will require water commencing January 1, 2003 and March 1, 2003, respectively. Additionally, a Flying J Truck Stop will be installed which will require water service during the fourth quarter of 2002. On a temporary basis, however, during the winter months, Flying J can receive its supply of water from Mitchell Public Water District prior to completion of the water main addition with Illinois-American.

Q. Has funding been obtained in anticipation of a January 1, 2003 occupancy date?

A. Yes. Funding has been received by Mitchell Public Water District from several sources, including the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and Madison County Economic Development.

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Q. Would this funding be in jeopardy if the January 1, 2003 in service date is not met?

A. Yes. The Madison County Economic Development Loan to Mitchell Public Water District is committed only until December 31st 2002. If not used, the commitment will expire.

Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony.

A. Yes.